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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held August 17, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“The Board will reconsider on September 28, 2004, the renegotiated affiliation agreement between the Department of Health Services and Drew University. Under this agreement, Drew University provides supervision and training of medical residents in 16 training residency training programs at King/Drew Medical Center, as well as some direct clinical services.

“David Satcher, MD, headed a task force last fall that made a number of recommendations for strengthening the academic programs at Drew University and at King/Drew Medical Center. Among the recommendations put forth was the creation of a Steering Committee to assist Drew University in restructuring its governance, reducing the number of training programs, and strengthening the quality of the residency programs. The California Endowment has provided financial assistance to support such an oversight body, which is made up of representatives from the public and private sectors and is chaired by Cornelius Hopper, MD, the former Vice President of Health Affairs for the University of California. The membership includes representatives from DHS, Drew University, University of California, UniHealth Foundation, UCLA, private physicians and community based organizations.

“A number of the recommendations made by the Steering Committee will be incorporated into the revised affiliation agreement that will be coming back before this Board for consideration September 28, 2004.

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“The Steering Committee has also provided, through funding by The California Endowment, support for an outside consultant to review the finances and operational structures of the University and to obtain a clear understanding of the hospital’s finances. The Steering Committee also has indicated that The California Endowment may be willing to provide additional financial support for outside consultative services for specific clinical and administrative areas.

“The expert advice and insight provided by the Steering Committee is of great value in the efforts to stabilize and strengthen the University and the Hospital.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Antonovich being absent), the Board placed a set item on the September 14, 2004 agenda at 11:00 a.m. to hear from Dr. Hopper and members of the Steering Committee on the progress of its efforts, as well as what it sees as the progress being made to restructure the governance of Drew University, reorganize the resident training programs at King/Drew Medical Center, and the expectations for the current audit of the University, by the County Auditor-Controller.

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